

Washington, DC – Congressman Ryan voted for the most comprehensive national vehicle research and development program in American history today. The bipartisan Advanced Vehicle Technology Act, which is supported by a broad coalition, including the United Autoworkers, the big three auto makers and groups like the National Association of Manufacturers, will invest in American energy and technology. The bill is expected to create huge opportunities for communities like the 17th District which is already becoming a leader in advanced fuel and automotive research and development.

“Our area is not just benefiting, but leading this revolution. Next year, the Chevy Cruze which gets 40 miles to the gallon will be produced right here at GM-Lordstown and moving forward from there, GM will continue to make it’s most cutting edge vehicles in our community,” said Congressman Ryan. **“We are going to be a world leader in innovative automotive technologies.”**

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The Advanced Vehicle Technology Act will build on the historic fuel efficiency standards enacted under a Democratic-led Congress in 2007 and our success with the Cash for Clunkers program – a national program that rewarded Americans who turned in almost 700,000 gas-guzzling and air-polluting older cars for newer, more fuel-efficient models.

In addition, the House also passed an historic clean energy jobs bill that will help the private sector create millions of new American jobs that can’t be shipped overseas and help energy-intensive industries transition to a cleaner, more profitable future.

“Right now at YSU, the University of Akron and at startups all over our area, cutting edge research into the next generation of cars and fuels is already moving forward,” said Congressman Tim Ryan.

“This bill will help supercharge those efforts and will ultimately create more jobs and more opportunities for our families.”